

Creel Survey

September 5, 2011

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Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River – 49 boat anglers near the mouth kept 25 adult chinook and released 17, released 2 jack chinook, kept 1 adult coho and released 5, and kept 14 steelhead and released 3.

Lewis River – 5 boat anglers near the mouth had no catch.

Drano Lake – 27 boat anglers with 2 adult chinook kept and 1 released plus 19 steelhead kept and 15 released. About 50 boats here last Saturday morning.

Klickitat River – 8 bank anglers had no catch. 3 boat anglers kept 3 adult chinook and 2 steelhead.

Buoy 10 – Not much change. Boat anglers sampled on the Washington side kept a coho per every 5.6 rods this past weekend.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - During the first five days of September we sampled 2,049 salmonid anglers (including 542 boats) with 551 adult and 19 jack fall chinook, 19 adult coho, 51 steelhead, and 1 pink. All but a dozen of the adult and a couple jack chinook, 16 (84%) of the coho, and 30 (59%) of the steelhead were kept. The pink was released as required by regulation; however a couple unmarked adult coho were not.

Just over 1,600 salmonid boats and 600 bank anglers were observed on the lower Columbia mainstem last Saturday Sept. 3. Approximately 79% of the boats were counted from Longview to Vancouver. In comparison to the same time last year, boat and bank effort last Saturday was slightly higher than 2010 (1,373 boats and 362 bank anglers).

Through Sept. 9, anglers can keep one adult chinook per day as part of their limit from Rocky Point upriver to Bonneville Dam. Anglers fishing those waters have a daily limit of six fish, including two adult salmon (chinook or hatchery coho) or hatchery steelhead, or one of each. Beginning Sept. 10, chinook retention will close from the Lewis River downstream but increase to a maximum of two adult chinook per day upriver to Bonneville Dam. Starting Oct. 1, when most wild tules have passed, the stretch of the Columbia River below the Lewis River will also open to retention of two adult chinook per day.

Bonneville Pool – 24 boat anglers kept 1 adult chinook and 2 steelhead. Despite the strong easterly wind, 28 boats were counted off the White Salmon River and 10 off Drano last Saturday.

Sturgeon

Only one bank angler was sampled during the current catch-and-release only fishery. On last Saturday's effort flight count, only 13 boats and 11 bank anglers were observed fishing for sturgeon during the current catch-and-release only fishery.

Walleye

The half dozen boat anglers sampled in the Camas/Washougal area had kept a handful of walleye. Eight walleye boats were found in the gorge to Camas/Washougal area during last Saturday's effort flight count.

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Month/Week Sept. 1-5	Salmonid														Chinook														Coho														Steelhead													
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept Adults	Jacks	Coho Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept		Rel.	Other	# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Kept Adults	Jacks	Coho Adults	Jacks	Released Adults		Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Other																								
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Vancouver	4	88	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0		54	105	19	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																										
Woodland	5	158	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0		140	328	118	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																										
Kalama	6	254	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		156	396	172	6	5	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0																										
Cowlitz	7															81	171	61	3	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	4		3 1 pink rel.																											
Longview	8	209	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0		73	158	69	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0																										
Cathlamet	9	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0		13	27	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0																										
private boats/bank charter	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0																																										
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Washington Buoy 10 Creel Sampling Summaries - 2011

Preseason kept catch expectations: 10,950 chinook and 7,000 coho
Estimated kept catch through August 28: 10,521 chinook and 3,338 coho

Date	Number of Boats	Number of Anglers	Chinook Kept	Coho Kept	Comments
01-Aug	15	35	0	0	Opening Day
02-Aug	9	24	0	0	
03-Aug	6	14	0	0	17 boats counted during effort flight count.
04-Aug	7	13	0	0	
05-Aug	2	5	0	0	
06-Aug	17	37	4	0	36 boats counted from just below br. to Tongue Pt.
07-Aug	17	40	2	1	
08-Aug	4	10	1	0	
09-Aug	12	25	3	0	
10-Aug	1	2	1	0	
11-Aug	18	48	7	0	
12-Aug	1	5	3	0	Charter boat
12-Aug	42	116	8	4	Private boats
13-Aug	55	146	13	2	
14-Aug	38	98	14	1	Approx. 175 boats were observed during effort flight count.
15-Aug	14	36	0	1	
16-Aug	45	115	28	6	
17-Aug	57	146	27	6	
18-Aug	16	42	16	2	
19-Aug	41	111	29	19	
19-Aug		53	2	6	Bank - North Jetty
20-Aug	148	445	131	43	
21-Aug	135	401	132	32	
22-Aug	10	86	14	6	Charter boats
22-Aug	46	132	16	3	Private boats
23-Aug	95	272	122	57	
24-Aug	33	85	35	11	
25-Aug	1	13	5	1	Charter boat
25-Aug	45	126	33	15	Private boats
26-Aug	147	398	121	45	
27-Aug	151	437	98	45	Approximately 1,000 boats were observed during effort flight count.
28-Aug	96	277	43	33	Last scheduled day for chinook retention.
29-Aug	66	161	CLOSED	21	
30-Aug	32	74	CLOSED	13	
31-Aug			CLOSED		No sampling.
01-Sep	17	44	CLOSED	5	
01-Sep		39	CLOSED	4	Bank - North Jetty
02-Sep	60	150	CLOSED	20	
03-Sep	94	251	CLOSED	31	
04-Sep	69	184	CLOSED	36	
05-Sep			CLOSED		